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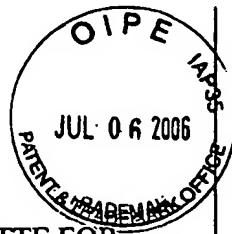
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michaelson et. al

Application No.: 10/050,400

Filed: January 15, 2002

Title: STERILIZING CASSETTE FOR
ORTHODONTIC BANDS



Group/Art Unit: 1744

Examiner: Chorbaji, Monzer

Attorney Docket No: STES104

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION
Dated: March 31, 2006

To: Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed March 31, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks of record:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response to Office Action.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this Response to Office Action.